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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Appropriations Committee Hearing on the FY 1979  
National Foreign Intelligence Program (NFIP) Budget

25X1 1.  At 10:00 a.m. on 11 April 1978, the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee met to hear the Director and other witnesses on the FY 1979 NFIP budget. The hearing room, H-140 of the Capitol, was swept and monitored throughout and a transcript was taken. The hearing was at the codeword level.

25X1 2.  Members present during all or part of the hearing included:

George H. Mahon (D., Texas), Chairman

Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.)  
Joseph P. Addabbo (D., N. Y.)  
John J. McFall (D., Calif.)  
Bill D. Burlison (D., Mo.)

Jack Edwards (R., Ala.)  
J. Kenneth Robinson (R., Va.)  
Jack F. Kemp (R., N. Y.)  
Elford A. Cederberg (R., Mich.)  
(ex officio)

25X1 3.  Staff members present included:

Ralph Preston  
Charles Snodgrass  
Sandra Gilbert

25X1 4.  The witnesses and other attendees are set forth in the attachment.

25X1 5.  The following items of interest were noted:

25X1 a. Chairman Mahon asked the Director about the statement in his prepared remarks having to do with limiting Congressional access to information. The Director, in responding, attempted to guarantee the Committee that they would have access to everything that they needed,

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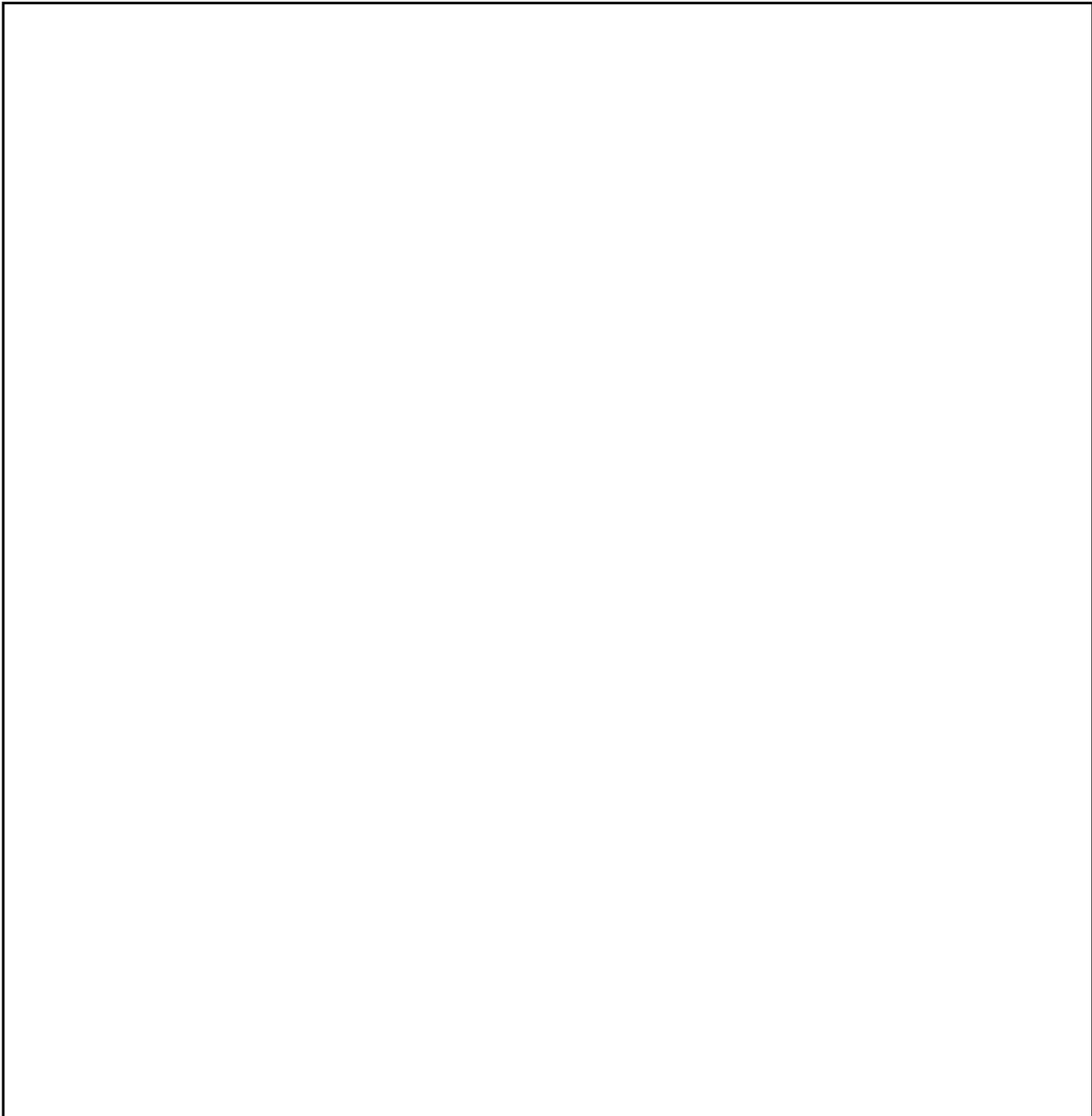
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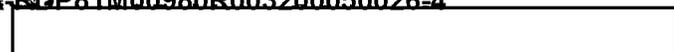
but he indicated also that there was some material where he might have to draw the line. This led to all the members present making statements to the effect that the Appropriations Committee would get what it needed, all other considerations notwithstanding. The Director made another attempt to explain the area where he felt a distinction could be drawn and seemed to mollify some of the members.

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